

# Status of the Iowa Workforce and Economy

## Upcoming 2019 News Release Schedule

Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Jan	Mar 11	Mar 11
<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar 22</b>	<b>Mar 26</b>
Mar	Apr 19	Apr 23
Apr	May 17	May 21
May	Jun 21	Jun 25
Jun	Jul 19	Jul 23
Jul	Aug 16	Aug 20
Aug	Sep 20	Sep 24
Sep	Oct 18	Oct 22
Oct	Nov 19	Nov 19
Nov	Dec 20	Dec 24
Dec	Jan 24	Jan 28

## Iowa Nonfarm Employment Seasonally Adjusted

Year	Month	Iowa Statewide Employment	Manufacturing Employment
2018	Jul	1,584,700	223,100
	Aug	1,582,600	222,700
	Sep	1,582,500	223,700
	Oct	1,588,300	225,800
	Nov	1,589,900	227,400
	Dec	1,593,400	228,100
2019	Jan	1,593,400	228,900
	Feb	1,587,900	228,800

## Iowa Workforce Development

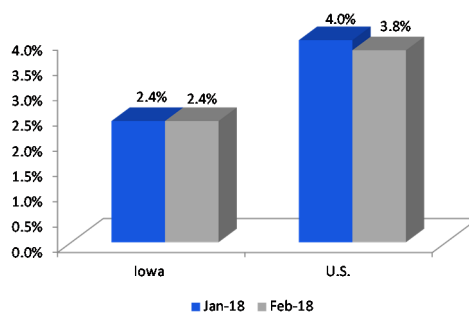
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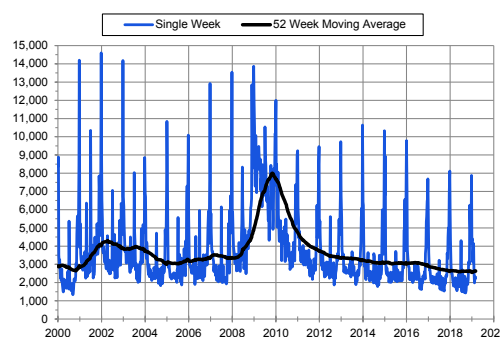
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## Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates 2019



- Iowa's unemployment rate held steady at 2.4 percent in February. The state's jobless rate was 2.7 percent one year ago.
- The state's unemployment level dropped to 40,000 in February from 40,600 in January.
- The U.S. unemployment rate was 3.8 percent in February.

## Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance



- Weekly UI initial claims averaged 2,631 for 52 weeks ending 3/2/2019. This represents a slight decrease from the same period in 2018.
- Production and non-supervisory workers in Iowa's manufacturing sector averaged \$820.22 per week in February, down 31 cents versus last year due to a decrease of thirty minutes in overtime hours worked.

- Total nonfarm employment decreased by 5,500 jobs in February. Following a downward revision, jobs were unchanged in January. This month's loss is the first decline since September of 2018.
- Private sectors shed 5,000 jobs mostly in the service sectors and government lost 500 due primarily to local level losses.
- Leisure and hospitality decreased by 2,400 jobs. Most of this loss was due to accommodations and food services. Bad weather may have influenced this drop.
- Transportation and warehousing lost 900 jobs. This fueled a drop of 1,500 jobs in the trade, transportation, and utilities super sector.
- Professional and business services shed jobs mostly within professional, scientific, and technical services (-900).
- Iowa's total nonfarm employment is up 5,800 jobs versus last February. Manufacturing has fueled much of that growth (+8,400).
- Nationally, total nonfarm employment added just 20,000 jobs in February following a larger-than-expected increase in January.

## Iowa Total Nonfarm Employment January 2018 - February 2019

